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H. R. 2399

To provide assistance for low-income working families.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CLAYTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To provide assistance for low-income working families.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Family Investment
5 Package”.

6 **SEC. 2. ASSISTANCE FOR LOW-INCOME WORKING FAMILIES.**

7 (a) BLOCK GRANTS.—Section 658B of the Child
8 Care Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
9 9858) is amended to read as follows:

10 **“SEC. 658B. FUNDING OF GRANTS.**

11 “(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Except
12 as provided in subsection (b), there is authorized to be

1 appropriated to carry out this subchapter \$2,000,000,000
 2 for each of fiscal years 1997 through 2002.

3 “(b) APPROPRIATION.—The Secretary shall pay,
 4 from funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
 5 \$1,400,000,000 for fiscal years 1997 through 2002,
 6 through the awarding of grants to States under this sub-
 7 chapter for the purpose of providing child care services
 8 for families who have left the State program of assistance
 9 under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act because
 10 of employment, families that are at risk of becoming de-
 11 pendent on such assistance program, and low-income
 12 working families described in section 658E(c)(3)(D).
 13 Funds shall be paid under this subsection to the States
 14 in the same manner, and subject to the same requirements
 15 and limitations, as funds are paid to the States under sec-
 16 tion 418 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 618).”.

17 (b) GRANTS FOR CHILD CARE SUPPLY SHORT-
 18 AGES.—Section 658E(c)(3) of the Child Care Develop-
 19 ment Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858c(c)(3))
 20 is amended by adding at the end the following:

21 “(E) CHILD CARE SUPPLY SHORTAGES.—

22 “(i) IN GENERAL.—A State shall en-
 23 sure that 100 percent of amounts paid to
 24 the State out of funds appropriated under
 25 section 658B(a)(2) with respect to each of

1 the fiscal years 1997 through 2002 shall
2 be used to carry out child care activities
3 described in clause (ii) in geographic areas
4 within the State that have a shortage, as
5 determined by the State, in consultation
6 with localities, of child care services.

7 “(ii) CHILD CARE ACTIVITIES DE-
8 SCRIBED.—The child care activities de-
9 scribed in this clause include the following:

10 “(I) Infant care programs.

11 “(II) Before- and after-school
12 child care programs.

13 “(III) Resource and referral pro-
14 grams.

15 “(IV) Nontraditional work hours
16 child care programs.

17 “(V) Extending the hours of pre-
18 kindergarten programs to provide full-
19 day services.

20 “(VI) Any other child care pro-
21 grams that the Secretary determines
22 are appropriate.”.

23 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR LOW-

24 INCOME WORKING FAMILIES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 658B(a) of the
 2 Child Care Development Block Grant Act of 1990
 3 (42 U.S.C. 9858(a)), as amended by subsection (f),
 4 is amended—

5 (A) by striking “Except as provided in”
 6 and inserting the following:

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
 8 graph (2) and”; and

9 (B) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(2) CHILD CARE SUPPLY SHORTAGES.—There
 11 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out section
 12 658E(c)(3)(E), \$500,000,000 for each of fiscal
 13 years 1997 through 2002.”.

14 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
 15 658(c)(3)(A) of the Child Care Development Block
 16 Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858c(c)(3)(A)) is
 17 amended by striking “(D)” and inserting “(E)”.

18 (d) REPORT ON ACCESS TO CHILD CARE BY LOW-
 19 INCOME WORKING FAMILIES.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 658K(a)(2) of the
 21 Child Care Development Block Grant Act of 1990
 22 (42 U.S.C. 9858i(a)(2)) is amended—

23 (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking
 24 “and” at the end; and

1 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (E),
2 the following:

3 “(F) the total number of families described
4 in section 658B(b) that were eligible for but did
5 not receive assistance under this subchapter or
6 under section 418 of the Social Security Act
7 and a description of the obstacles to providing
8 such assistance; and

9 “(G) the total number of families described
10 in section 658B(b) that received assistance pro-
11 vided under this subchapter or under section
12 418 of the Social Security Act and a description
13 of the manner in which that assistance was pro-
14 vided;”.

15 (2) SECRETARIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—
16 Section 658L of the Child Care Development Block
17 Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858j) is amended by
18 inserting “, with particular emphasis on access of
19 low-income working families,” after “public”.

20 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
21 this section shall take effect as if included in the enact-
22 ment of the Personal Responsibility and Work Oppor-
23 tunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–193,
24 110 Stat. 2105).

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